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Royal Oak Police Department Weekly Update
For the week of September 25, 2015 through October 1, 2015

Unlawfully Driving Away an Automobile

W. Fifth Street and S. Main Street, 9-26-15, 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.: Complainant reported she parked her 2015 Chevy Cobalt in a parking space near the intersection. When she returned she discovered it had been stolen by an unknown suspect. 15-36527

31200 Woodward (Village Automotive), 9-25-15 – 9-26-15, 5:50 p.m. – 8:00 a.m.: Complainant reported he parked the business owned 2002 Dodge Caravan in the business parking lot. When he returned he discovered it had been stolen by an unknown suspect. 15-36445

Breaking and Entering

800 block of E. Third Street, 9-5-15 – 9-27-15, 4:00 p.m. – 4:06 p.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect entered his unlocked garage and stole a Trek Verve 20" bicycle and a Dewalt cordless drill. 15-36638

Larceny

3200 block of Woodland, 9-27-15, 7:50 a.m. – 6:05 p.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect entered her backyard and stole a copper and brass landscaping decoration. 15-36654

1400 block of N. Washington, 9-23-15, 10:30 a.m.: Complainant reported he was approached by a subject regarding minor repairs to his roof. While talking to the subject in the backyard the complainant believes a second unknown suspect entered his residence and stole miscellaneous jewelry from a jewelry box.

The complainant described the suspect as a tall white male. He did not see a second individual or a suspect vehicle. 15-36642

Additional Incidents and Information

Purse Snatching Suspect Arrested: On Saturday, September 26, 2015, at 10:03 p.m., Royal Oak officers arrested a suspect for purse snatching. The lone suspect ran up to a couple sitting in the outside dining area at a restaurant located in 100 block of S. Main Street. The suspect reached over the railing, grabbed the victim's purse off the table, and fled eastbound on foot. The victim's boyfriend chased the suspect a short distance before losing sight of him north of Eleven Mile.

Responding officers quickly set up a perimeter and located the suspect and a second subject in the area of Pingree and Troy Street. Both were taken into custody without incident. Officers searched the area and recovered all of the victim's property.

Pierre Jefferson, a 17-year-old Redford resident, was charged with one (1) count of Larceny from Person which carries a penalty of up to ten years in prison. The second subject, a juvenile, was arrested for a curfew violation and turned over to his mother.

On Monday, September 28, 2015, Jefferson was arraigned before 44th District Court Magistrate Donald Chisholm. Bond was set at \$10,000. His next scheduled court date is set for October 9, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., before the presiding judge. 15-36528



Pierre Jefferson 5/21/1998

The following arrests were made during the period:

One (1) Felony Warrant

Five (5) Misdemeanor Warrant

Two (2) Retail Fraud 2nd Degree

Two (2) Retail Fraud 3rd Degree

Five (5) Probation Violations

Two (2) Domestic Assault and Battery

One (1) Assault and Battery

Two (2) Possession of Marijuana

One (1) Possession of Marijuana & Possession of Open Alcohol

One (1) Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia

One (1) Driving While License Suspended

One (1) Driving While License Suspended & Possession of Marijuana

One (1) Driving While License Suspended & Misdemeanor Warrant

One (1) Driving While License Suspended & Felony Warrant

Two (2) Operating While Intoxicated

One (1) Operating While Intoxicated & Obstructing Police

One (1) Operating While Intoxicated & Driving While License Suspended

One (1) Obstructing Police & Misdemeanor Warrant

One (1) Public Intoxication

Four (4) Disorderly Conduct

One (1) Minor in Possession of Alcohol

Total Arrests: 37



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NEWS RELEASE

Animal Control working tirelessly to help Royal Oak cats

Oct. 1, 2015, Pontiac, Mich. – Oakland County Animal Control Division continues to reach out to animal rescues throughout Michigan on behalf of the 84 cats discovered in an animal hoarding situation in Royal Oak on Monday. Animal Control is asking rescues whether they would be willing to take some or all of the cats and be responsible for treating them for highly-contagious ringworm disease.

In the past 24 hours, Animal Control has contacted at least 45 rescue groups by phone, all of whom have said, "No." Two other rescue organizations, however, showed up at Oakland County Animal Control & Pet Adoption Center after the original story appeared in local news media. They adopted a total of 37 cats.

"We're putting the word out by phone, social media, and the news media that we need help with these cats," Oakland County Director of Public Services Mark Newman said. "So far, the response has been limited."

The Pet Adoption Center is unable to adopt out the cats to the general public because all have been exposed to ringworm, a contagious fungal disease that can spread to humans and other animals. It takes weeks of daily treatments to eliminate ringworm. With three part-time veterinarians, two full-time veterinary technicians, and a part-time veterinary technician assistant, Oakland County Animal Control & Pet Adoption Center has limited staff whose training enables them to provide care for infectious disease without spreading it to others.

"Our veterinary staff has been completely occupied caring for these cats," Newman said. "They have not been able to return to their routine of monitoring and supporting the health of the other animals at the shelter."

If no more rescue groups come forward who are willing to take some or all of the remaining cats and treat their ringworm, the cats will be humanely euthanized in a little over a week. Four cats were euthanized within the first 24 hours of their admission to Oakland County Animal Control & Pet Adoption Center because they had diseases in advanced stages, including one with feline leukemia. That leaves 43 cats yet to be adopted.

"We want the best possible outcome for these cats," Newman said. "We're doing everything we can. But if other organizations continue to refuse to help us, we regrettably will have no choice but to put them to sleep."

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